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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT

1. FRENCH AMB LEGOURIEREC ARRIVED BACK LAST NIGHT AND I SAW HIM THIS MORNING (JULY 7), DISCUSSING FOLLOWING TOPICS:

2. JACOMET'S ARRIVAL IS NOW POSTPONED TO JULY 11, AND HE WILL BEGIN CONVERSATIONS WITH GOP JULY 12, STAYING ON UNTIL 18TH. LEGOURRIEREC SHARES MY BELIEF THAT JACOMET'S "PRIMARY TARGET", OF CONVINCING PAKS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES AGAINST THE PLANT, IS NOT ACHIEVABLE, AND THAT JACOMET WILL HAVE TO USE HIS FALL-BACK OF CONVEYING FRANCE'S DECISION TO CANCEL. WE HAVE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH, AND I HAVE EXPLAINED THAT I HAVE DISCRETION, IF IT SEEMS ADVISABLE IN LIGHT OF JACOMET'S TALKS, TO WEIGH IN WITH GOP AT HIGH LEVEL TO ASK THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS OR PUBLIC REACTIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY GOP UNTIL THEY HAVE HEARD FROM NEWSOM.

3. LEGOURRIEREC AS BEFORE IS QUITE DISCOURAGED ABOUT FUTURE OF FRENCH-PAK RELATIONS, BELIEVES THE PAKS WILL CANCEL MOST OF EXISTING AND PROJECTED ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS, AND EVEN FEARS PAKS WILL TAKE HARSH STEP OF RECALLING THEIR AMB

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IN PARIS, OR REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF LEGOURRIEREC. WHILE CONCEDING SUCH STEPS ARE POSSIBLE, I EMPHASIZED MY FEELING THAT PAK REACTIONS WILL NOT BE THAT SEVERE AFTER THEY WEIGH THEIR ALTERNATIVES -- THEY WILL HAVE TO BALANCE COSTS OF THE DOMESTIC REACTIONS IN PAKISTAN (BHUTTO AND OTHERS WILL ACCUSE GOVT OF WEAKNESS OR CULLUSION) AGAINST COSTS OF FOREGOING PROF-
FERED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FROM USG, FRANCE, HOPEFULLY IRAN,

THAT WILL STRENGTHEN PAKISTAN AGAINST PERCEIVED AFGHAN THREAT.
JACOMET WILL, IF NECESSARY, TELL PAKS THAT IN THE EVENT OF
PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST FRANCE, GOF WILL MAKE PUBLIC THE
GIST OF FRENCH CO-PROCESSING OFFER MADE TO AGHA LAST SEPT.
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